Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

DEVELOPS HIS CAUTION.

In China when the banker man,
  By very pressing debts assailed,
Shuts up the bank and says, "Alas,
  I'm sorry, but the bank has failed,"
They lead the banker to the block,
  And then they settle up the score
By cutting off his head, and so
  He cannot use it any more.

They do not stop to try the case.
  They think it makes the matter worse
To let the lawyers wag their chins
  And talk around the universe.
With no appeals and no delays,
  No waiting for a higher court,
They mend the matter then and there
  And he is shortly one head short.

The evidence before their eyes
  They think will hold him for a spell
As soon as he has closed the bank
  The incident is closed as well.
They whistle, and the ax man comes
  And sees at once the work in hand
And nicks the culprit in the neck
  With all the force at his command.

It seems a crude and cruel way,
  But we are told it works a cure.
He'll never break a bank again—
  Of that they may be very sure.
The banker knows what they will do.
  He doesn't like the headsman's stroke,
And so, in China, we are told,
  He doesn't let the bank go broke.

"Don't Shoot, I'll Come Down."

When you find you have a grouch chase it up a tree and use it as a mark to shoot at until your success puts you in a good temper.

A New Gardener.

"I want some garden seed."
"What kind?"
"Small ones."
"Small what?"
"Just for a small garden."
"But what do you want to raise?"
"A garden, of course. Think I wanted to raise oil wells?"

Business Head.

"My wife went shopping today with $10."
"Did she bring any of it back?"
"Yes, $10."
"Marvelous!"
"It wasn't enough for a starter, so she had the goods sent up C. O. D."

Patriotic.

"Waiter," said the man with the newly acquired million, "a bottle of wine."
"Yes, sir. Imported, sir?"
"I don't care just so it is home grown."

Informed.

"Pa!"
"Yes."
"What is a blessing?"
"Anything that you don't want or can't get."

Unprofitable.

"It is hard to be untruthful."
"Yes; I find it so—that is"—
"What?"
"With any degree of success."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Having somebody to blame for our mistakes is satisfactory, but often costly.

The only way to be happy is to be happy, but it is too inexpensive to be popular.

It is good for one's self esteem to keep still and listen to what people are saying—or not saying—about one.

The best thing about the nonworrying habit is that no one is begging you to break yourself of it.

The only annoying habit some people have is the habit of living.

Sometimes a soft answer gives you a reputation for mushiness.

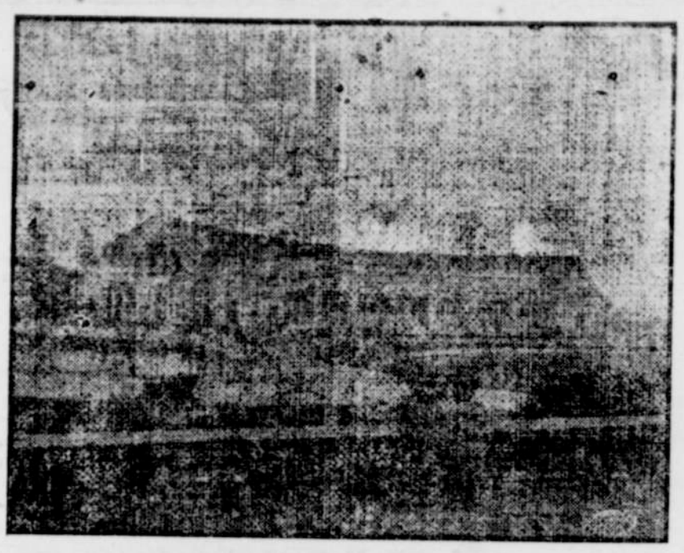
Being gregarious, we always want what the other fellow wants for the same reason, although we may be totally ignorant of his reason.

Courage is the ability to mislead people into thinking that you are not the least bit scared.

When a woman gives you a piece of her mind it doesn't add to the peace of yours.

If knowledge is power, why not attach the universities to the electric motors?

If it is necessary for some to weep we would like to pick the weeping list.



MANUFACTURERS BUILDING.

On the eastern side of Geyser Basin, at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, the handsome Manufacturers Building looks across the restless waters of the Cascades and the flashing foam of "Old Faithful," the reproduction of its namesake in Yellowstone National Park.

Its location is the most central of any of the exposition buildings, and its architectural design is especially fitting for the position it has been given. It was one of the first great exhibition palaces to be completed, and before the end of last year was ready for the reception of its vast collection of exhibits. It will house a magnificent assortment of the highest examples of man's ingenuity and invention, and within its walls will be gathered specimens of manufactured articles from the workshops of every nation of importance in the world.

It overlooks the finest of the formal gardens of the exposition, and its splendid line of pergolas, with their vine-covered columns and blossoming flowers, complete a restful and pleasing view. At no part of the grounds can be seen a more beautiful illuminating effect than is presented from the open pergolas during the late evening and early night. A million sparkling electric bulbs flash their white lights through the waters and, scattered throughout the greenery, hundreds of electroliers mingle their many hues with the riot of colors. Looking down the gentle slope of Rainier Avenue the floating craft of two lakes is brought into vision and adds the delights of a broad, light-sprinkled stretch of forest-enclosed waters to the whole effect.

TOO MUCH ANALYSIS.

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My Dear Mr. Gregory—I have considered the proposition with which you have honored me earnestly, thoughtfully, prayerfully. It behooves us who are past middle age to weigh well a step of such gigantic importance to us both. I acknowledge to forty-two, and you have told me that you are fifty-five. Are we not both too set in our ways to live together as husband and wife? I will admit that there are certain things about man in the abstract that I do not like. He has inherited from ages of acknowledged superiority dominating traits. Nevertheless man is like a great big good natured dog—unconscious of his power or, if conscious of it, loath to use it against our sex. He is unaware of the delicacy of a woman's feelings and often stalks through them in seven league boots. In this he is brutal, though without intending to be brutal.

I am going over in my mind some of these idiosyncrasies of man in the abstract with a view to determining whether I had better venture. I admit that I am undecided. I will try to arrive at a decision at an early date and inform you. Sincerely,

Elizabeth Montgomery.

My Dear Miss Montgomery—You are not expected to marry an abstract man, but one Gregory. I do not look upon you simply as woman, but as one woman whom I love. Woman is a perpetual paradox, a chronic conundrum, an unknown quantity of unexpected possibilities and contradictions. She is man's greatest blessing and the ultimate cause of all his troubles. She is his chief inspiration to all that is good and noble and his greatest temptation to folly and sin.

You see by these few idiosyncrasies of your sex that a man who marries abstract woman is a fool. My love is all concentrated on an individual, and that individual is your own sweet self. I am, with undying affection, yours,

Algernon Gregory.

Dear Mr. Gregory—If I was undecided before, your note has rendered me far more chary of linking my fate with one who has such peculiar ideas concerning my sex. Besides, since writing you other traits of men have come up before me for consideration, and I confess that many of them are not attractive. Man is a sensual creature, with no conception of a pure or holy love unalloyed with passion. He will roar like a lion at his wife before dinner and hand her his pocketbook after he has filled his stomach. He expects her to wear a smile when he comes home tired from his daily avocation, then proceeds at dinner to spill claret over her new tablecloth and after dinner to fill the curtains with the detestable odor of tobacco.

I am still thinking of your flattering proposition. Cordially,

Elizabeth Montgomery.

My Dear Miss Montgomery—I fear I did not make my meaning plain to you. If woman is a paradox, she is a very delightful paradox—that is, at times. If woman is the cause of man's trouble, it must be admitted to her credit that as soon as he shakes off a trouble with one woman he is crazy to walk into another trouble with another woman. Is it not his own fault if he complains when the woman he loves is silent, then wishes to bottle her when she talks him to death? And why will a man tire a woman with every form of devotion when there are so many examples of the clinging affection of women for their wife beating husbands? These are truths which invite our careful consideration. With the usual expressions of affection,

Algernon Gregory.

Mr. Gregory—I am thoroughly convinced that no man entertaining such notions of women in the abstract is fit to take a wife. The consequences of my acceptance of your offer, such consequences being derived from your letters, would be as follows: I should at once plunge you into trouble, tempt you to sin. You would wish to escape from your alliance with me to enter upon another alliance with another woman. I should tire of your devotion (or what you would doubtless call devotion) and encourage you to beat me.

Such being the case, I have decided to decline your very flattering offer with sincere thanks. Yours respectfully,

Elizabeth Montgomery.

Dear Miss Montgomery—If I were not "loath to use my power against your sex" I would be tempted to hold you to an accountability under the doctrine of categorical syllogisms for your logical deductions. On my part I began this series of notes by pronouncing your sex "an unknown quantity of unexpected possibilities." You have proved yourself a woman in the abstract as well as an individual. During this correspondence I have formed my conclusions as to what you would eventually do. I thought of what you might be expected to do, then assumed that you would do the opposite. My prognosis has been in every respect correct.

But enough of this. I pronounce you, woman as you are, the dearest object on earth, and I shall pass a lonely old age unless you make it unmeasurably happy. Sweetheart, I am

Your Lover.

Dearest Algernon—Come and see me tomorrow evening. Bess.

GWENDOLIN ADAMS.

How to Treat a Black Eye.

Often in playing a child will run against some object which will hit the eye, and as a bruise on the eye is not only more disfiguring, but more painful, than one anywhere else on the body it is well to know what to do for it. Immediately after the eye has been struck with enough force to make it black apply a cloth wrung out of hot water—as hot as can be borne. Apply new cloths as hot as can be stood for twenty minutes, and the blood which has collected and clotted will become thin and pass off to its proper channels.

How to Care For Snowshoes.

Snowshoes need very little care. You don't have to wipe them dry with a chamois, for instance—the prescribed treatment for skates. When taking them off merely tap them against the wall or a tree to shake free the clinging snow and stand them up on their heels outside. Never attempt to dry them before a fire. When they are put away for the summer select a dry place where there will be no danger of mice.

How to Keep Tinware From Rust.

When you have any new tinware on hand, such as basins, pie plates, muffin pans and cake tins, rub the entire inside surface of the article with a tablespoonful of lard, warm for just a minute on the top of the stove and wipe clean. You will then have no trouble in the future with your tins getting rusty.

Notice of Condemnation for Right of Way

For Street Purposes.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Bandon, Coos county, Oregon, at a regular meeting of said council, held upon March 15, 1909, at the City Hall, by resolution, persuant to Sec. 92 of the Charter of said City of Bandon, did determine to open, lay out, establish, or extend the followingstreets within the corporate limits of the City of Bandon, in the manner following, towit:

ON PIONEER STREET commencing at a point twenty-five feet west of the southwest corner of block No. 16, in the Original town of Bandon Oregon, the same being in the center of said Pioneer Street, thence south 4 degrees and 55 minutes west, 302 feet to a stake, thence south 656.7 feet to the North line of the South Fourth Street, said street to be 50 feet wide;

Also ON THE SOUTH FOURTH STREET: commencing in the City of Bandon, Oregon at the west line of Abernathy Street at the intersection thereof with said Fourth Street and in the center line thereof thence west along said center line of the South Fourth Street, 1114 feet to the west line of Pioneer Street Extended. Said South Fourth Street to be 60 feet wide, thirty feet of which, along south side of said Street has already been dedicated to the public,

Also on Wharf street, Beginning at the south end thereof, and in the center line thereof in the city of Bandon, thence south on said center line to the north line of the South Fourth street, 539 feet, said street to be sixty feet wide.

That the said council has caused each of the above designated streets or extensions thereof to be surveyed, and that the engineer has filed a report thereof, containing a plat of each of the above streets so proposed to be extended or widened, and that the said council will in its discretion adopt an ordinance embodying such report, and establish, widen or open the said streets, and within 30 days thereafter appoint three appraisers to assess the damages and benefits, if any to the respective owners of the lots or parts thereof, or other tracts thereby effected, and of the land appropriated.

Dated Bandon, Oregon, April 15th, 1909.

C. R. WADE,
City Recorder.

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Executor's Notice

Notice is hereby given, that letters Testamentary with the will annexed have been issued by the Probate Court of Coos County, Oregon, unto Eugene Henry Hamblock and John Vinton Hamblock directing that they execute the provisions of the will of John F. Hamblock deceased, as to the disposition of his estate, and

Now therefore, all persons having claims against the estate of said John F. Hamblock deceased are required to present them, to either of the undersigned Executors at Parkersburg, Oregon, or at the office of C. R. Wade in Bandon, Oregon, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Bandon, Oregon, April 15, 1909.

EUGENE HENRY HAMBLOCK
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